

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 129.

This bill provides more flexibility to meet the needs of children that are dependents of the child welfare system, and in the juvenile court system. I am also requiring the California Department of Social Services to consider these modifications to the CWS/CMS as a priority to be funded within existing resources.

This bill authorizes counties to designate that a child is both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court, establish a protocol for determining this designation, and require the Judicial Council to collect specified data and report on the implementation of this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger